



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH\***  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

**705 E. Centennial, Pittsburg, KS**

\*Church-ekklesia: an assembly of people who have been  
summoned for a particular purpose



-Encountering God in Worship

-Reaching Out with a Mission of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chances

-Building a Community of Forgiveness and Radical Hospitality

**The Mission of First Christian Church is to share God's radical hospitality within our  
neighborhood and beyond.**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY: 10:45 a.m.**

**CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 a.m.**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME – 10:20 a.m.**

**SUNDAY, June 26, 2011**

**Sermon: “Prayer is Action”**

**Scripture: John 15: 1-5**

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011**

**Sermon: “Sin and Separation”**

**Scripture: Romans 7: 15-25a**

## **Kevin's Korner...**

This week I want to pass along some wise words from my former colleague in Enid, Oklahoma,  
Rev. John McLemore:

In his book, *Renovate or Die: Ten Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission*, Bob Farr says  
“We don't need more members. We need more disciples of Jesus Christ who have discovered a new  
life of grace and depth in their lives and are prepared to be missionaries” (page 71).

Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary? You have heard me say more than once  
that the mission field is right outside our door. I was stunned when I read a new statistic. On an  
average Sunday only 18% of the population is attending a place of worship. That might be a little  
low for Enid (**or Pittsburg**), but my hunch is that we don't do much better. Another author has  
stated that people who attend church five times or less a year are “unchurched”.

What is our response; resignation, waiting for someone else to act; only verbalizing a  
concern; or blaming leadership and staff? Let me emphasize what Bob Farr says. We are all

missionaries. Regardless of age or experience, there is the opportunity for a new life of grace and depth for each of us as we open our hearts to the Christ, participate in worship, pray and study. God fans the embers of faith and hope within us, when we are receptive and willing, and they burst into the flames. Then we are passionate about the Good News of Jesus Christ, and our hearts desire is to go into the mission field (outside our doors, in the classroom, in the workplace, in the neighborhood, even in our families).

We share and model the story of God’s love, and we invite others into that life transforming relationship with God. Prepare your hearts and minds to be missionaries right here in Enid (**or Pittsburg**). Bring others into the household of the Lord. Sow the seeds. God will provide the harvest.

Summertime is the time that a lot of families move into new neighborhoods or make other major changes. Keep your eyes and ears open for new families in your neighborhood, new children riding bicycles, or other changes happening among your neighbors, co-workers or friends. When people make significant changes in their lives (like a new home or job), they are quite often open to an invitation to a new church. It’s usually easier to invite them over for dinner, or for lunch, to get acquainted first. And making new friends is a great idea too. But don’t forget to tell them why you’re excited about First Christian Church, and then invite them, or even better, pick them up on Sunday morning. Be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Share and model the story of God’s love this summer, right here in Pittsburg.

HOM Meetings: It's summer again, and we'd love to come visit you! The youth have enjoyed coming out to church member's houses the last few years, and we're looking for places to go this year. We're open to new ideas and would love to have some newer members hosting us. Please contact Travis and let me know if you're interested.

**OUR GIVING- June 12**

Pledges	\$ 2,670.75
Plate Offering	33.00
Church School Offering	<u>36.40</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 2,740.15
<b>Needed to meet our budget</b>	<b>(4,288.00)</b>

Specials:

Camp Funds	477.80
Pentecost	308.00
Youth Pastor Salary	50.00
Pastor’s Fund	60.00
Disciples Women	46.38
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Seekers Class	<u>4.60</u>
Sub-total of Specials	<u>946.78</u>
Grand Total	\$ 3,686.93

**ATTENDANCE**  
**SUNDAY, June 12**

Worship Service	111
Sunday School	52

**HOSPITAL:**

Dee Montgomery - #ICU

**COOKIE TIME...**The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Seekers Sunday School Class is in charge of serving cookies during Fellowship Time for the month of July. We still need volunteers to furnish cookies each Sunday. We serve approximately 6 dozen each week!



**OUR GIVING- June 19**

Pledges	\$ 3,117.87
Plate Offering	40.00
Church School Offering	<u>21.50</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 3,179.37
<b>Needed to meet our budget</b>	<b>(4,288.00)</b>

Specials:

Coffee	.75
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Seekers Class	<u>4.50</u>
Sub-total of Specials	<u>5.25</u>
Grand Total	\$ 3,184.62

**ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday, June 19**

Worship Service	107
Sunday School	53

**The LOG is published Semi-Monthly. DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT LOG WILL BE Tuesday, July 5. The next LOG will be mailed on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**Volunteer to help at an animal shelter.**

—IMPORTANT DATES—

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:20 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 5:30 p.m. Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Choir

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:20 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jake Chancey Birthday Party
- 1:30 p.m. Via Christi Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 4

- 9:00 a.m. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Seekers Class 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party

OFFICE CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6  
6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting  
THURSDAY, JULY 7  
5:30 p.m. Bells  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**PLEASE NOTE:** The "walking group" has decided to take the summer off. We hope to start again in September. We hope you'll consider joining us then!

LeaAnita Lemmon's address for cards is:

Freeman Hospital West  
Room 332  
1102 West 32nd Street  
Joplin, Mo 64804-3503

**DID YOU KNOW?**

During 2011, taxpayer's at least age 70 ½ can distribute up to \$100,000 tax free from their IRA's to charities. Any of such distributions, also count towards the required minimum distribution amount for 2011. This technique works best for taxpayer's that are unable to itemize deductions or whose deductions are limited.

**HOPE CHEST...**In June we will be collecting personal care/hygiene items (e.g., children's and adult shampoo, deodorant, body wash, bathroom tissue etc.) and children's books (for ages newborn thru Jr. High) for the families in Mother to Mother Ministry. Please leave any items you would like to donate in the HOPE CHEST in the Narthex.

**THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND...**is getting low. We have helped a number of people recently with gas, groceries, housing, etc. If you would be willing to donate to this fund, we would greatly appreciate it!

**SERVING SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

**USHERS**

Jan & Rick Keller

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Carol Eckman

**GREETERCORPS**

Main Book–Open Door & Curb Assist:

John & Shirley Knightly

**NEW MEMBER PHOTOS**

Kim Wilderman

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE COUNTING**

John & Shirley Knightly

**COMMUNION PREP- JUNE**

Nola Coltharp

**DIACONATE SCHEDULED**

Kevin Tallent & Cheryl Tinkler-Leaders

Becky Beecham                      Melissa Bugni

Tom Kellogg                              Dan Lingor

Chris & Lisa Morris

**ELDERS SERVING**

Mike Gordon & Galen Kabance

**ELDERS-HOSPITAL SUNDAY**

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**ELDERS – HOSPITAL**

Tuesday – Jim & Jean Harris

Thursday – John & Shirley Knightly

**SOUND TECHNICIAN**

Chris Livengood

**PROJECTOR OPERATOR**

Nicolette O'Neal

**BUS DRIVER**

C.E. Starkweather

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Kelly Burnick

**LOCK-UP PERSON**

Tom Kellogg



Check in on someone you know is alone!

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Larry Coltrane & Kevin Tallent

**WORSHIP LEADER**

John & Shirley Knightly

**GREETERCORPS**

Main Book –Open Door & Curb Assist:

Margaret Bryan & Wanda Sell

**NEW MEMBER PHOTOS**

Jan Keller

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE COUNTING**

John & Shirley Knightly

**COMMUNION PREP – JULY**

Margaret Bryan

**DIACONATE SCHEDULED**

Jr. Diaconate

**ELDERS SERVING**

Karen Kiedaisch & Jennie Brown

**ELDERS-HOSPITAL SUNDAY**

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**ELDERS – HOSPITAL**

Tuesday – Daryl & Tracey Eagon

Thursday – Dorothy Baker

**SOUND TECHNICIAN**

Kelly Sims

**PROJECTOR OPERATOR**

Priscilla Livengood

**BUS DRIVER**

Not Available at Presstime

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Jordan Ascanio

**LOCK-UP PERSON**

George & Pam Kolath

**CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS...** There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for anyone who would be interested in becoming a Christian caregiver. We need people who would be willing to give their time and their presence for two to five hours each month (when able) to visit elderly persons who are home-bound. See Pastor Kevin for more details.

**SEEDS...** Please start saving seeds for VBS. They can be wild seeds from garden, trees or woods; packaged seeds; food seeds from fruits or vegetables. All shapes and sizes are needed.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...** Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18-22 from 9-12 Monday thru Friday. The theme this year is following the scripture of “Parable of the Sower” -- Mark 4: 1-9. Please fill out a registration form and return to the church office.



Jake Chancey's family would like invite the Church family to stop by the church on Sunday, July 3rd between 1-3 pm to celebrate her 80th birthday! No gifts, just fellowship and sharing her special day. You are all invited!

**Update on Hosting Work Groups:** We've had a couple of great meetings to discuss the possibilities of our church hosting Work Groups for the Joplin Tornado Recovery. Volunteers are working on our basement area to make it available for sleeping areas. We are developing guidelines for the use of the building. We have Mission Coordinators who will work with groups to make arrangements and offer our hospitality. We've answered most of our questions with volunteers stepping up to make this happen. This effort will take all of us pitching in together, preparing meals, setting up/cleaning, donating hospitality baskets, etc. Watch for further details to come.



The end result is, we are ready to start taking reservations from work groups. We know that we will learn as we go and that we all will need to be flexible. But what a great opportunity this is for First Christian Church to make a difference for people in need! Offering gracious hospitality is central to our biblical tradition.